

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 451

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Erin Kelly Svoboda of St. Agnes Academy upon being named *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star for General Scholarship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Erin Kelly Svoboda, an esteemed student at St. Agnes Academy, has been duly recognized as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of General Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in its inaugural year, *The Commercial Appeal's* First Tennessee Academic All-Stars program spotlights standout students in the newspaper and honors them for their dedication to academics, school leadership, and community service; and

WHEREAS, since the All-Star program's September inception, principals from fifty Memphis area schools have nominated nearly 600 exceptional students for participation; from those 600 students, ten were chosen to the All-Star program, each of them having excelled in a particular subject area; and

WHEREAS, in her role as class president, Erin Svoboda has led with consistency, dignity, and humor; in addition to her outstanding leadership skills, she has maintained a stellar academic record with placement on the Summa Cum Laude Dean's List, while taking as many as five Advanced Placement courses; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Svoboda scored an exemplary 35 on the ACT test and was named a National Merit Semifinalist; she placed first in the state and fourth nationally on the National French Exam and received top placement in the American Math Contest for two years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Erin Svoboda was named a Furman University Scholar and a Bentley College Tomorrow²⁵ finalist, and she received the Rhodes College Book Award for achievement in English and Literature; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to excellence in all her endeavors, Ms. Svoboda was an integral member of St. Agnes Academy's winning cross country team; and

WHEREAS, she spent a week in Mexico on a service trip to an orphanage and represented Memphis on a trip to Costa Rica as part of a Memphis in May exchange program; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depends, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Erin Kelly Svoboda who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Erin Svoboda is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Erin Kelly Svoboda, of St. Agnes Academy upon her selection as *The Commercial Appeal's* 2006-2007 First Tennessee Academic All-Star in the subject area of General Scholarship, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, academic prowess, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.